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Communications Channel in a Data	)	
Network Telephone System	)	

**EIGHTH SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231-9999

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure provided by 35 C.F.R. § 1.56 and §§ 1.97-98, the applicants wish to make the following references of record in the above-identified application. Copies of the references are enclosed. The copies are also listed in the PTO-1449 form enclosed herewith. It is requested that the documents be given careful consideration and that they be cited of record in the prosecution history of the present application so that they will appear on the face of the patent issuing from the present application.

Portions of the references may be material to the examination of the pending claims, however no such admission is intended. 37 C.F.R. 1.97 (h). The references have not been reviewed in sufficient detail to make any other representation and, in particular,

no representation is intended as to the relative importance of any portion of the references. This Statement is not a representation that the cited references have an effective date early enough to be "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. sections 102 or 103.

**CITED REFERENCES**

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**U.S. Patent Documents**

1. 5,727,057	March 10, 1998	Mark Emery et al.
2. 5,918,172	May 29, 1999	William C. Saunders, et al.

**Foreign Documents**

**Country**

3. WO98/00988	01/08/1998	PCT
4. WO98/10538	03/12/1998	PCT

Respectfully submitted,

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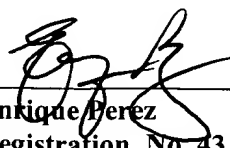
1. We are transmitting herewith the attached papers for the above-identified new patent application:

- ☒ Eighth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement
- ☒ Eighth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) PTO-1449 Form
- ☒ Copies of Supplemental IDS Citations for 09/726,993
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard

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3. **CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR § 1.8:** The undersigned hereby certifies that this Transmittal Letter and the papers, as described in paragraph 1 herein-above, are being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as "First Class Mail" in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on this **June 7, 2002**.

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